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- 1. The Aleksander Rankovic (formerly Whitehead) Torpedo Factory at Fiume now employs ten engineers (four of whom are Germans), and about 1,500 workmen (only one-fifth of whom are skilled). The majority of technicians and skilled workers at present employed have applied for repatriation and it is probable that by the end of this year the factory staff will consist almost exclusively of unskilled workers and apprentices.
- 2. An engineer from Pola has replaced Carlo Mania as Factory Manager. Mania has been appointed Superintendent General of all mechanical, metallurgical and naval industries in the Fiums-Susak area.
- 3. About 500 workmen are currently employed in fitting and assembling torpedoes from material and components abandoned in a warehouse in May 1945. Since that date an estimated 500 torpedoes have been constructed, about 75 percent of which have been aerial types. Particular interest is shown in these by Soviet Commissions which visit the works from time to time. The destination of the completed torpedoes is not known.
- 4. About 200 workmen are employed in the repair of railroad equipment and rolling stock. About 100 are working on the repair of motor vehicles on behalf of "Jugauto". About 50 are repairing and construction "Leviathan" textile vats, and about 30 are producing miscellaneous tools and implements, including welding "guns".
- 5. About 30 workmen, under a German engineer formerly with Junkers, are engaged in converting some 20 Ju-Stuka engines for use in motor torpedo boats of the MAS type.
- 6. The factory has halted work on Dodge-type six to nine horsepower Diesels. The contract for these motors has been transferred to the "Vulkan" factory at Susak.
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